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SUBJECT: MBFR: DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET REP ON AIR MANPOWER DATA-  
FEBRUARY 28, 1976

1. ON FEBRUARY 11 IN A BILATERAL DISCUSSION US REP ASKED  
AMBASSADOR KHESTOV ABOUT THE CORRECTNESS OF AMBASSADOR  
SMIRNOVSKY'S STATEMENT THAT ACCORDING TO EASTERN FIGURES  
THE AIR FORCE MANPOWER TOTALS ON EACH SIDE WOULD BE EQUAL  
ONLY IF THE EASTERN METHOD OF ALLOCATION WERE USED, INCLUDING  
ITS ALLOCATION OF THE THREE DISPUTED FORCE CATEGORIES  
(SEE VIENNA 0569).

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2. KHESTOV REPLIED THAT AIR MANPOWER DATA WAS A MILITARY  
SUBJECT AND IMPLIED HE DID NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION ON

WHICH TO GIVE AN ANSWER.

3. IN A SHORT BILATERAL ON FEBRUARY 28, KHLESTOV REFERRED TO US REP'S EARLIER QUESTION AND SAID THAT HE HAD INVESTIGATED THE MATTER AND HAD FOUND THAT AMBASSADOR SMIRNOVSKY'S INFORMATION WAS CORRECT.

4. US REP REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT ACCORDING TO WESTERN DATA, AIR MANPOWER WAS APPROXIMATELY EQUAL USING THE PRESENT WESTERN ALLOCATION OF FORCES. HE ASKED WHETHER, IN THE SOVIET VIEW, THE WEST HAD UNDER-ESTIMATED WESTERN AIR MANPOWER OR OVER-ESTIMATED EASTERN AIR MANPOWER. KHLESTOV SAID THAT THE SOVIETS THOUGHT THE WEST HAD OVER-ESTIMATED EASTERN AIR MANPOWER. RESOR

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